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LUANDA PASS TO ANDREW JAFFE OF NEWSWEEK, TROPICO HOTEL

LONDON AND DEPT PLEASE INFORM NEWSWEEK BUREAUS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN VISA FOR NEWSWEEK'S ANDREW JAFFE

REF: A. NAIROBI 4181

B. KINSHASA 5080 (NOTAL)

1. POST HAS AGAIN RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM NEWSWEEK'S ANDREW JAFFE REQUESTING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ZAIRE VISA. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND OF CASE. UPON RECEIPT OF INITIAL COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM JAFFE AND OFFICIAL CABLE (REFTEL A) FROM USIS NAIROBI IN APRIL AND MAY REQUESTING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR DELAYED ZAIRIAN VISA FOR JAFFE, POST MADE INQUIRIES AT DEPT OF NATIONAL ORIENTATION FOR JAFFE, AS WELL AS FOR TOM JOHNSON, WEST AFRICA BUREAU CHIEF N.Y. TIMES IN LAGOS, AND HEINZERLING, LAGOS-BASED AP CORRESPONDENT. USIS OFFICER RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM OFFICIALS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS FOR JOURNALISTS TO OBTAIN VISAS, AND POST SO INFORMED NAIROBI AND LAGOS (REFTEL B). IN FACT, TOM JOHNSON SPENT ONE FULL WEEK IN KINSHASA

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AT THE END OF JUNE DOING SERIES OF STORIES ON ALI-FOREMAN

FIGHT PROMOTIONS AND ZAIRIAN ECONOMY. JOHNSON OBTAINED
VISA FROM ZAIRE EMBASSY NAIROBI.

2. JAMES MANN, CORRESPONDENT FOR PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER,
NOW IN KINSHASA FOR STORY ON FIGHT PROMOTIONS. OBTAINED
VISA FROM ZAIRE EMBASSY ABIDJAN WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

3. POST WILL CONTACT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AGAIN ON
JAFFE'S BEHALF AND ADVISE. JAFFE SHOULD KEEP POST ADVISED
OF WHEREABOUTS. TULL

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